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Welcome to the **BEST OF NICK MAG** Issue

For this Best of Nick Mag Issue, we've chosen our absolute favorite stuff that has EVER appeared in the magazine! (Until our next issue, that is.)

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- 1** When you see this **Real** it means the story is real. Honest, it is.
- 2** This is Zelda Van Gutters, Nick Mag's roving reporter. This issue may be the Best of Nick Mag, but she is the *beast* of Nick Mag.
- 3** Check out our page numbers. It's a good thing I saved the ribbons from all the times I won Best in Show.

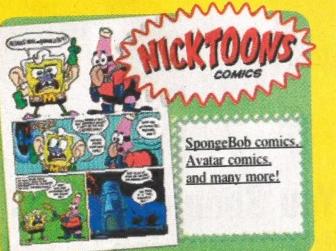
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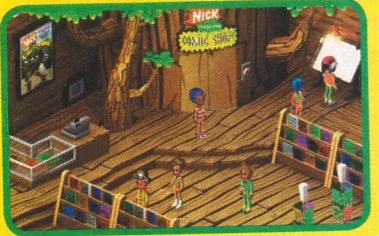


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Real



Dear Nick Mag,

I'm a faithful reader of your magazine, but I always ask myself, why does Nick Mag use Zelda, and where did she come from? Could you guys help me out?

John M., age 12
Potsdam, New York



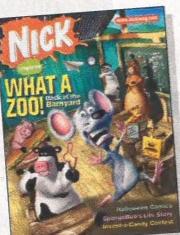
it on your calendar. We couldn't find it anywhere! How could you not have such an important day? Isn't Election Day more important than some Diddy guy's birthday? You even called this your Election Issue! How come you left it out?

Logan W., age 9
Sacramento, California

Dear John,

Zelda brightens up our pages and dampens the carpets in our office. She originally comes from Oklahoma but found a home (and a couple of fire hydrants) in New York City.

About the October 2008 issue



Dear Nick Mag,

In the October calendar, you said that Edward L. Stratemeyer was the author of the *Nancy Drew* books, but in fact, it was Carolyn Keene who wrote them.

Emma A.
via e-mail

Dear Emma,

Actually, many people wrote the *Nancy Drew* books. The series was created by Edward L. Stratemeyer, who wrote outlines that other authors followed. Carolyn Keene is simply the made-up pen name that they all used.

About the November 2008 issue



Dear Nick Mag,

I was looking at your November calendar, and I asked my mom when Election Day was so I could find

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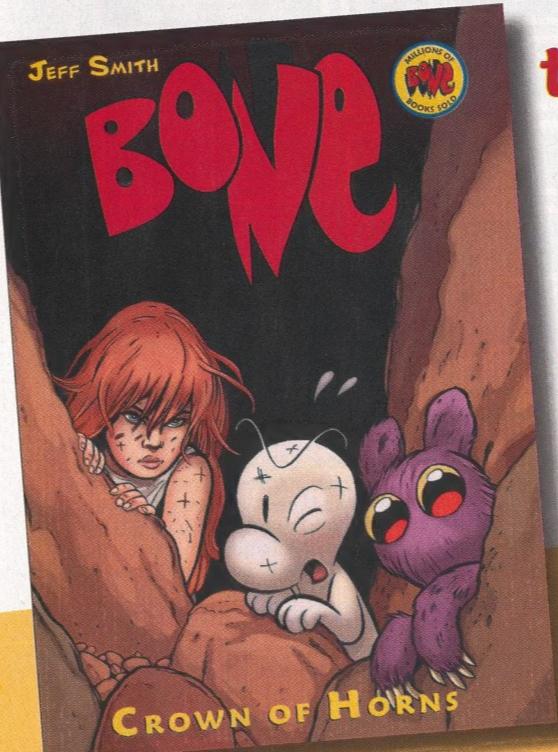
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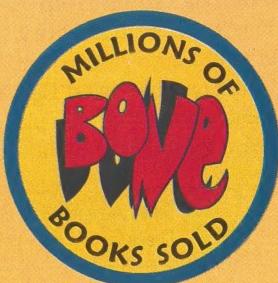
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WHAT'S NEW ON NICKELODEON

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Wolverine and the X-Men

Friday, January 23,
on Nicktoons Network

Wolverine leads the ultimate team of mutants in a brand-new series on Nicktoons Network. Tune in to the premiere to find out why the X-Men must reunite to save the world.

Go to nicktoonsnetwork.com/wolverine for trailers and more info about the show.



SpongeBob SquarePants

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Barnyard

Monday, January 19

Barnyard: The Original Party

Animals, the movie that started it all for Otis, Pip, Pig, and the rest of the crew, airs on Nick for the first time.



The Big Green Help

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Check out the newest Big Green Help games, make your own pledge to help green the world, and then do it!

Dates are subject to change.
Check nick.com for details.

There's more news from Nickelodeon starting on page 42.

This is who works here.

I'm the top dog!



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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	National Children's Dental Health Month begins Brace yourself.	2	The first electric streetlight in the U.S. is installed in Wabash, Indiana, 1880 What a bright idea!	3	The world's first commercial cheese factory is established in Switzerland, 1815 Cheesy does it!	4		
5		5		6	You see only about one third of a tooth sticking out of the gums. Two thirds of it is below the gums.	7	Steve Nash, basketball player with the Phoenix Suns, born, 1974 His parents had a Sun.	
8		8		9	Emma Roberts, actress, born, 1991 Xfabulous!	10	Jennifer Aniston, actress, born, 1969 She wasn't born in January?	
11		11		12		13	13	FACE THE TOOTH #2
14		14		15		16	14	Valentine's Day Will you be our Valentine? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
17		17		18		19	15	FACE THE TOOTH #5
20		19		21		22	16	Corbin Bleu, actor, born, 1989 Did his mother dress him in Bleu?
21		21		22		23	17	FACE THE TOOTH #5
23		23		24		25	18	International Sword Swallowers Awareness Day Talk about a sore throat!
25		25		26		27	19	The first toothbrushes had bristles made out of cow hair.
26		26		27		28	20	FACE THE TOOTH #5
27		27		28			21	FACE THE TOOTH #5
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The Celeb Page

We asked these celebs to name their first crush.



Chris "Ludaeris" Bridges, actor and rapper

Penny [played by Janet Jackson] from *Good Times*.

Real



Vanessa Hudgens, actress and singer

Jonathan Taylor Thomas of [1990s sitcom] *Home Improvement*.

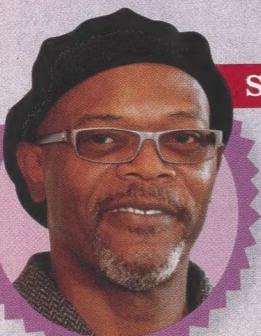
A.J. Michalka, singer

My first crush was a cute little blond kid who looked like [singer] Aaron Carter.



Anne Hathaway, actress

Leonardo DiCaprio!



Samuel L. Jackson, actor

A little girl up the street from me named Valerie. She was very cute and she could play baseball very well.



Which Is Wax?

Can you tell which of the celebs pictured at right are the real deal and which are wax replicas? Circle the celebs you think are made from wax.

Answers on page 47.



Cameron Diaz



Beyoncé



Eli Manning



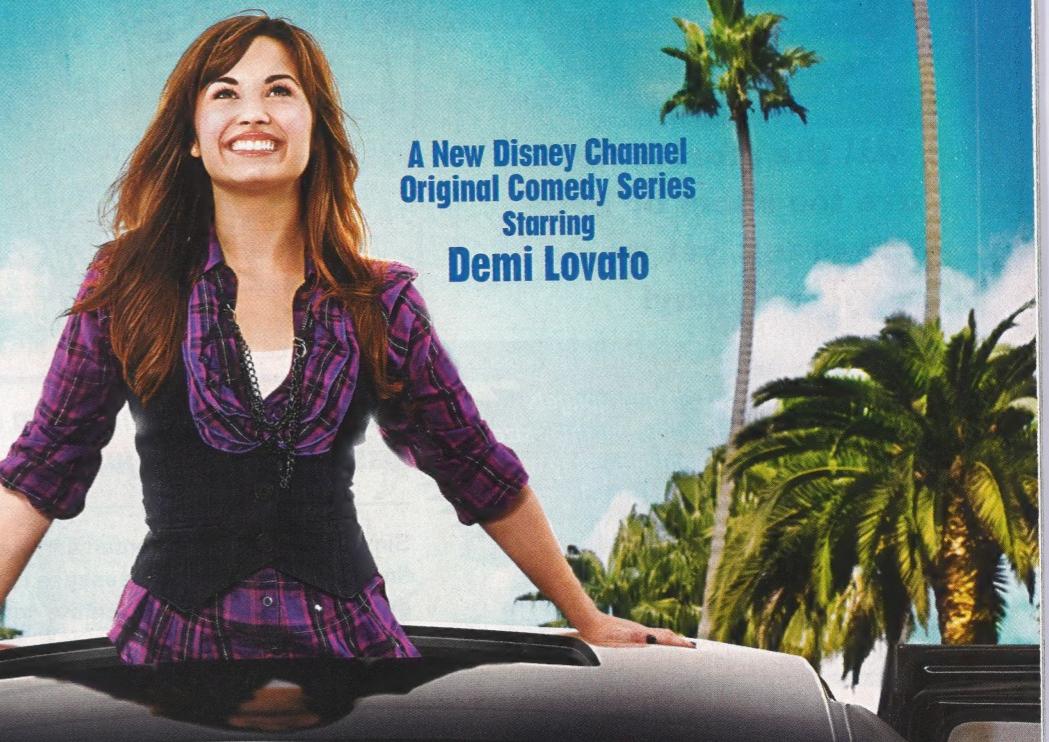
Oprah



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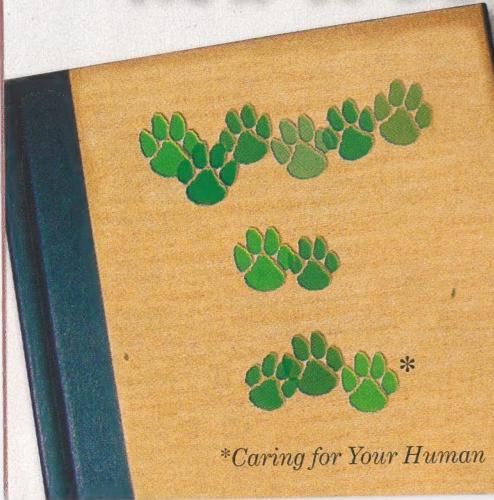
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How to Bathe a Human

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From Cute to Brute

NOT SCARY

A baby

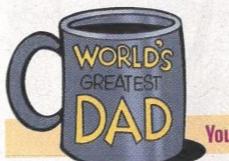


A drumstick

Sneakers



Your father's mug

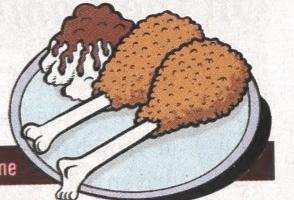


SCARY

A baby with fangs



A drumstick with a little foot-like bone



Sneakers with cow tongues



A werewolf drinking out of your father's mug



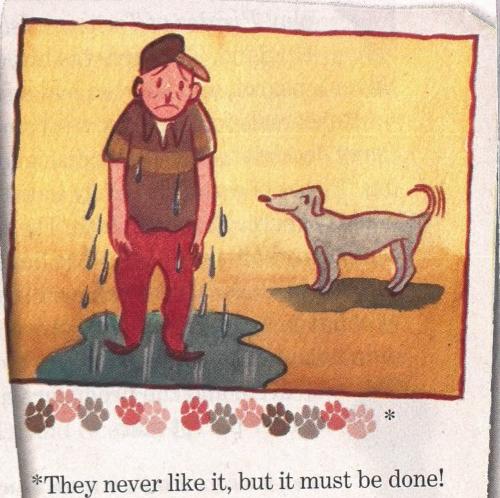
Not scary if your father is a werewolf.

A hook-handed department store Santa Claus



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manual for dogs about how to care for their owners.
how to bathe your human.



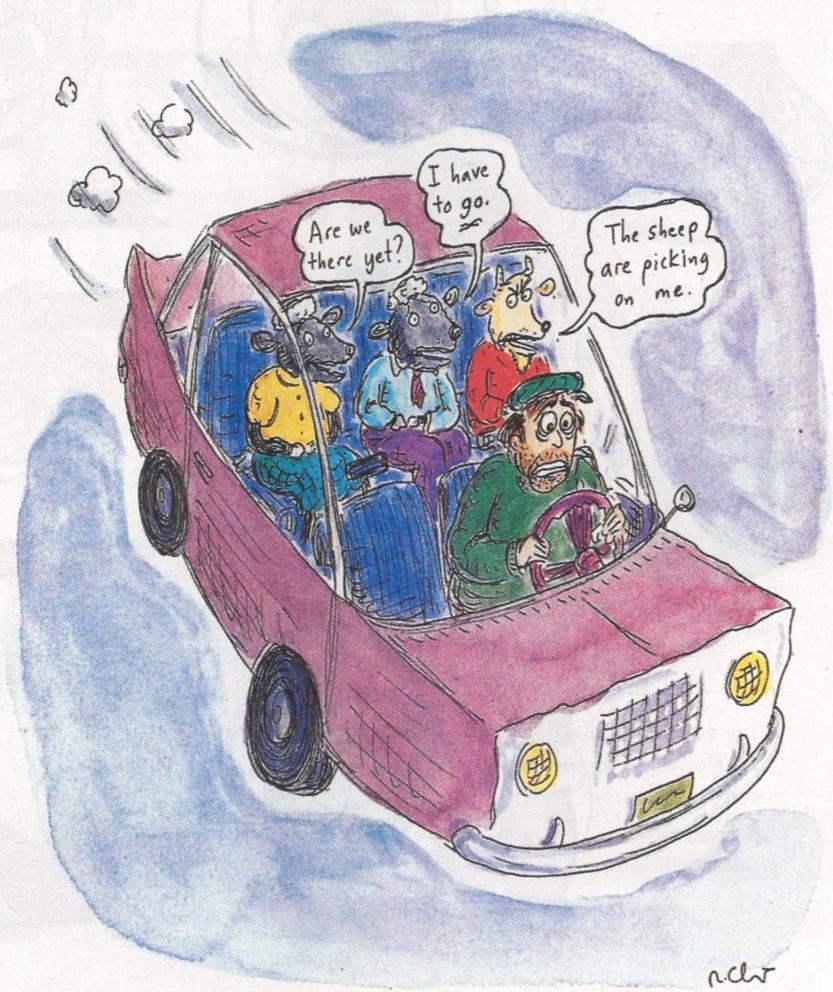
*They never like it, but it must be done!

Really Twisted Tails

On the Lamb

In one night, about 10 years ago, the police on the Caribbean island of Trinidad spotted a car being driven with its headlights off—and a chase was on. The cops were closing in when the runaway driver pulled over and escaped on foot, leaving behind two well-dressed passengers in the backseat: a sheep wearing a dress and a goat in a hat, shirt, and pants. Cops found two more dressed-up goats sitting pretty in the trunk.

It turned out that the driver had stolen the animals from a local farmer. The thief had disguised the creatures as people so they wouldn't attract attention riding in the car. Thanks to the police, the farmer and his fashion-conscious livestock were happily reunited.



A Fowl Actor

Percy, a talking parrot, got his big break one November when he was cast in the children's play *Pirates of Treasure Island* in Dorset, England. The bird was hired to play Long John Silver's parrot, and he even had a few lines.

Rehearsals for the show went smoothly, until one day Percy decided to rewrite his dialogue. Instead of exclaiming "Pieces of eight!" he let fly a string of curses that made his human costars blush. The rehearsal came to a screeching halt—then everyone burst out laughing.

The producers were relieved that an audience full of children wasn't there for Percy's scene, but they didn't want to take any chances. The foulmouthed bird was fired, and the producers had to search for another parrot star.

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Stop Bugging Me

A British woman got some creepy news when she went to the doctor in October 1999. She complained that headaches and strange noises in her ear had kept her awake for three nights. When the M.D. peered into her ear with a special instrument, he really bugged out: Snuggled up against the woman's eardrum was a large, leggy spider. Fortunately, the physician was able to remove the live bug from its new home.

Tails

Real

Here are some wild stories from the wild kingdom.

Wood You Marry Me?

In 1991, scientists set up 100 wooden albatrosses on some islands in southeastern Japan. They hoped the decoys would attract real albatrosses to the area, where the endangered birds could safely live and mate. The experiment worked really well for the animals, except for one five-year-old male nicknamed Deko. For two years, Deko tried to attract the attention of one of the wooden decoys. He defended her in battle, built her fancy nests, and spent days standing near her, waiting for her to notice him. Now that's devotion!

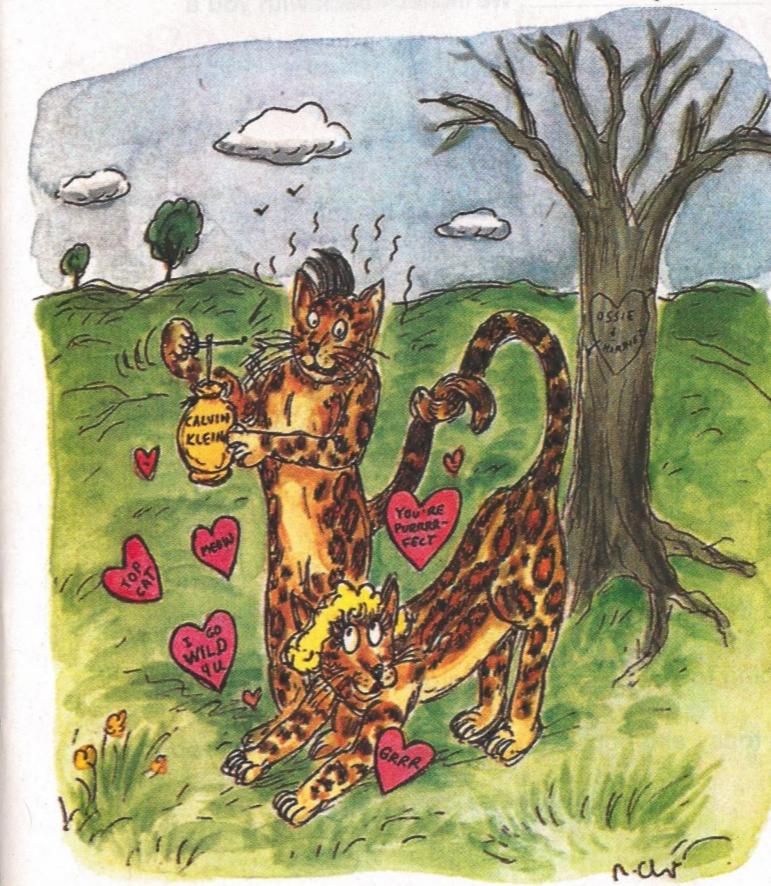


Ocelot to Be Desired

The ocelot, a wild cat native to the southern U.S. and Latin America, is an endangered species. Since there are so few of them left in nature, ocelots often can't find other ocelots to mate with. So, 10 years ago, researchers at the Dallas Zoo started looking for scents they could put on the Texas range to help attract the cats to one location.

To figure out what smells ocelots like, the scientists worked with ocelots that live at the zoo. Researchers started off, naturally, with ocelot scent. Surprisingly, that didn't get the cats' attention. Then the scientists tried rat feces. Unsurprisingly, the rodent poop didn't drive the cats into one another's arms, either. Then, on a whim, a researcher squirted a spot on the floor with the cologne Calvin Klein Obsession for Men. The ocelots went wild! The animals rolled around on the spot and rubbed the fragrance into themselves.

Researchers have since used the scent in the wild to lure animals for tagging and observation. However, Calvin Klein has no plans to rename his cologne Obsession for Men and Ocelots. □





This Is Your Captain

-ing verb

Next time you're on an airplane (or just wishing you were), ask someone to give you the missing words to this pilot's speech without showing it to him or her.

Then read the whole thing out loud.

"Hi there, folks. This is Captain _____ worth from the cockpit. Looks like we're number _____ in line for takeoff, so we should be airborne by next _____. The weather in _____ is looking pretty _____, although you probably don't care since we're going to _____ today. Our _____ flight attendants will be _____ through the cabin in a little while to take your _____ and _____ orders. But for now, just sit back, _____, and enjoy the _____. We'll check back with you a little later with an update on my _____."



Is there a movie on board this fill-in?

(A little later.)

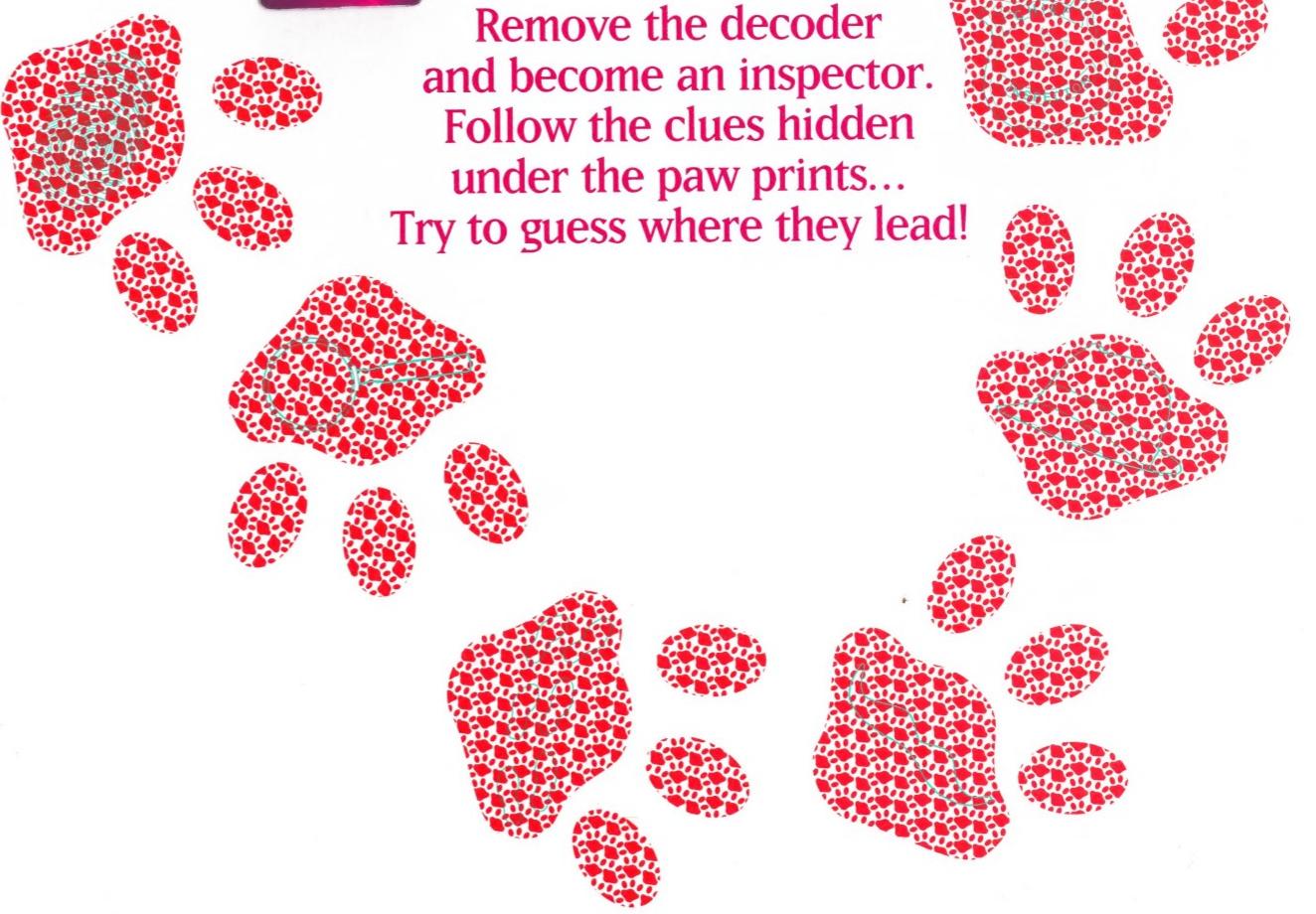
"Hi there, folks. We've reached our cruising altitude of _____ foot/feet, so it's safe to turn on any electronic _____. And feel free to get up and _____ about the cabin or stick your _____ out the window to see if you can touch the ground. We do ask that when you're seated, you keep your _____ fastened and your _____ in the full upright position, in case we run into some turbulence or _____."

(A minute later.)

"Hi there, folks. Well, we're all set to land, but the ground crew says that they don't like the _____ smell of our aircraft. So we're going to _____ around up here for a while. We sure appreciate your _____ with us today, and hope to _____ you again soon!"



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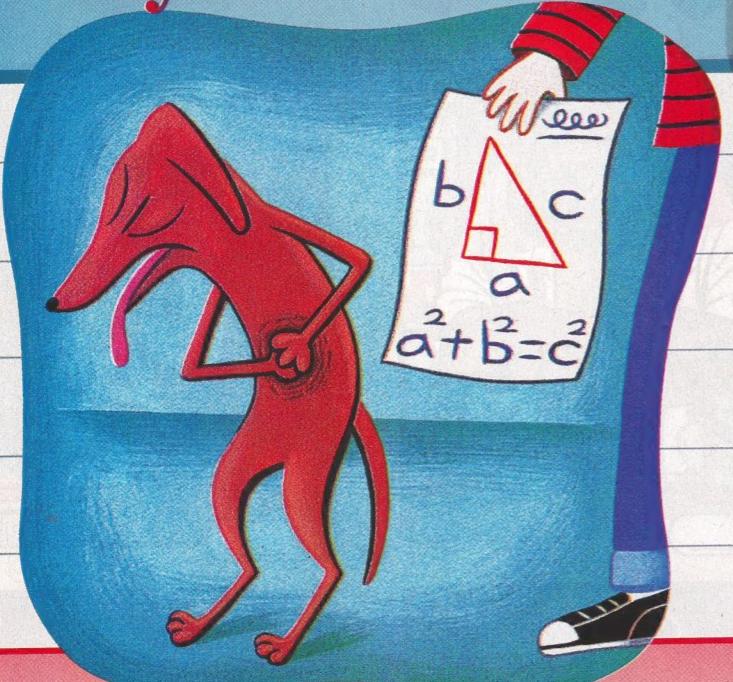
Answer on page 47.



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My Dog **DIDN'T** Eat My Homework!



Sometimes when you wish your dog would eat your homework, it just doesn't happen. Here are some of the excuses your pup might have if he or she could talk:

Geometry problems give me heartburn.

If you had actually done your homework, I might have eaten it.

History essays don't turn into gravy when you add water.

Sorry, I've already eaten too much of the neighbor's garbage.

I'm on a diet, and homework has way too many calories.

Thanks, but I already stuffed myself with your sister's homework.

I only eat A+ papers—and, frankly, this one's a B.

I want you to do well in school and get a good job so that you can buy me some real food one day.

Next time, don't put it in one of those cheesy plastic binders.

I only eat shoes.

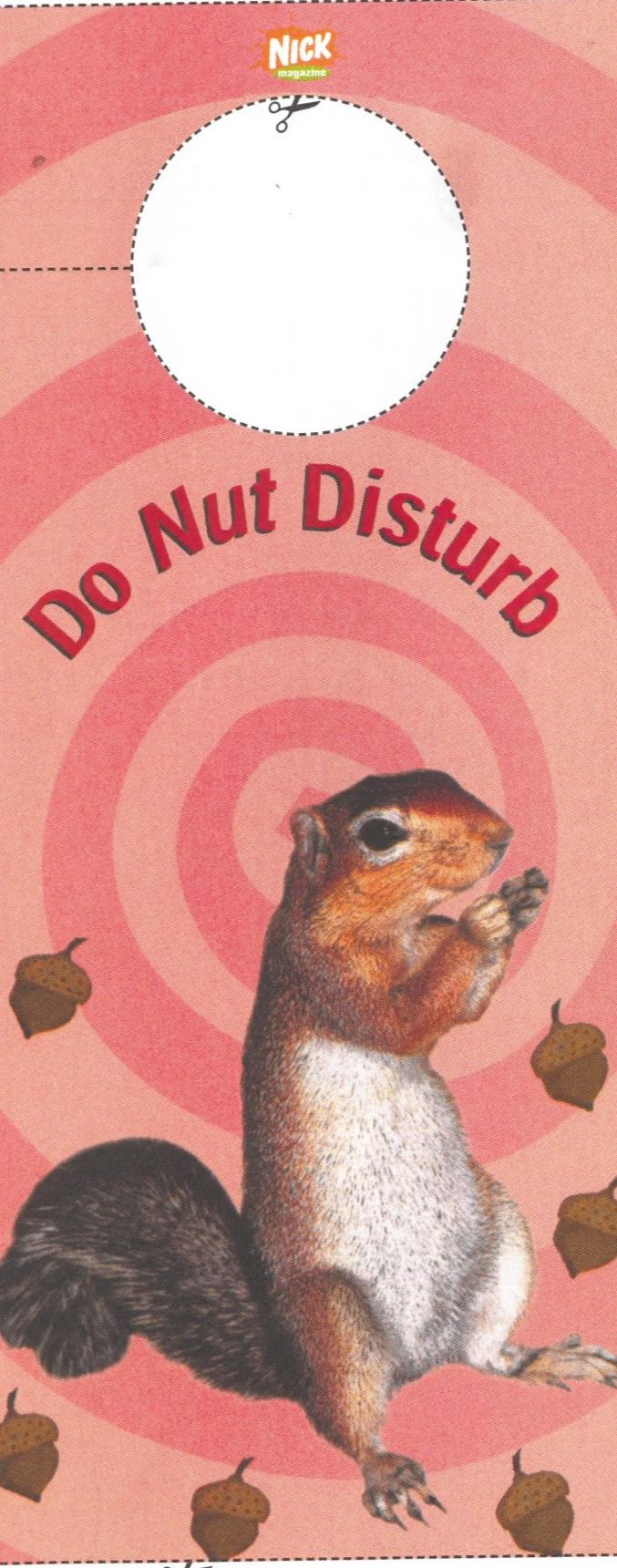
I'm watching my paper weight.

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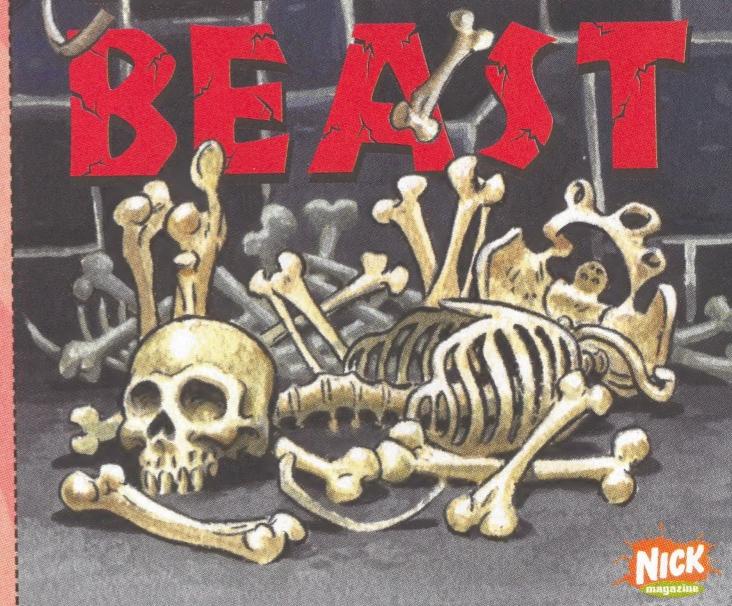
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FOR ABOVE YOUR PET'S AREA



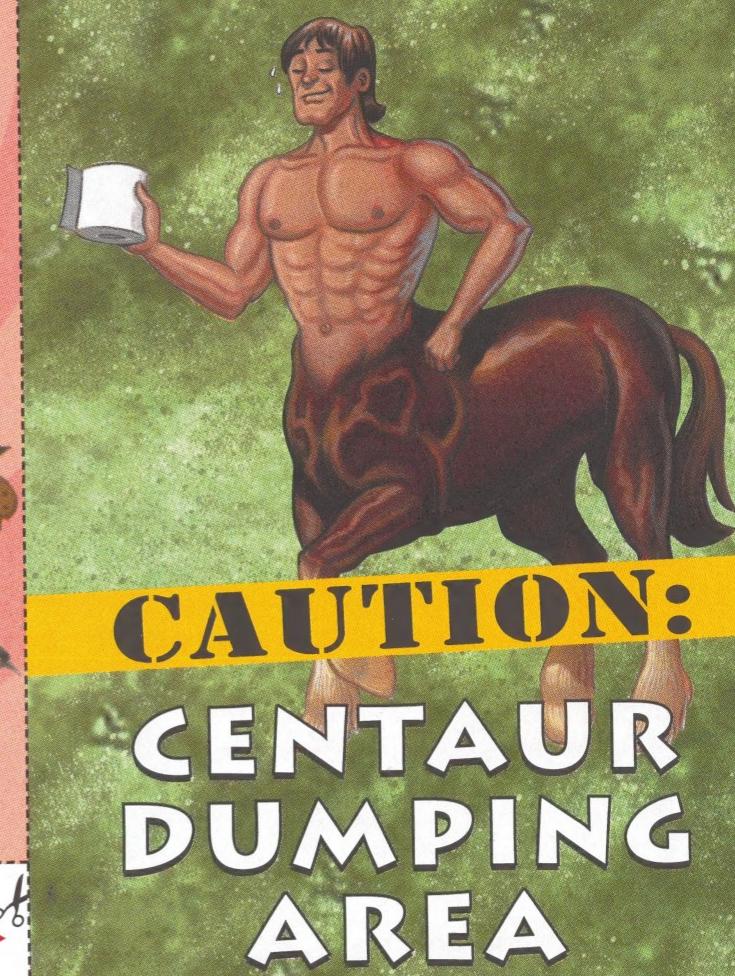
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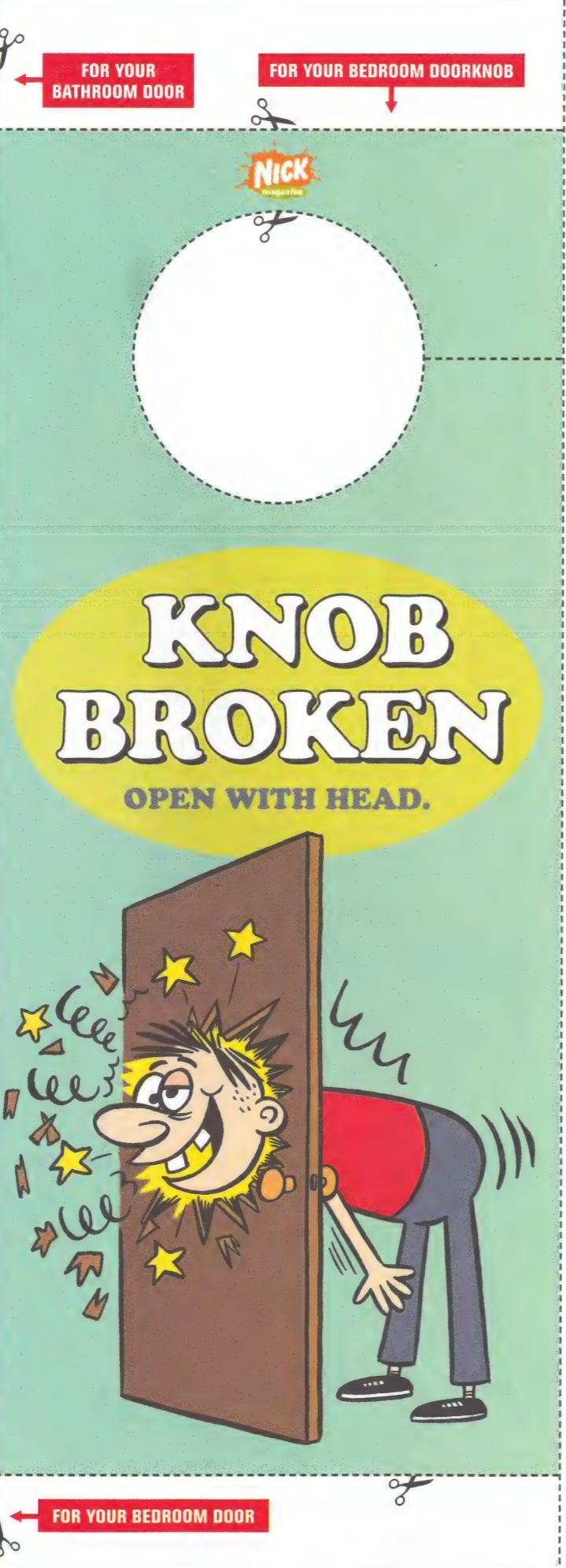
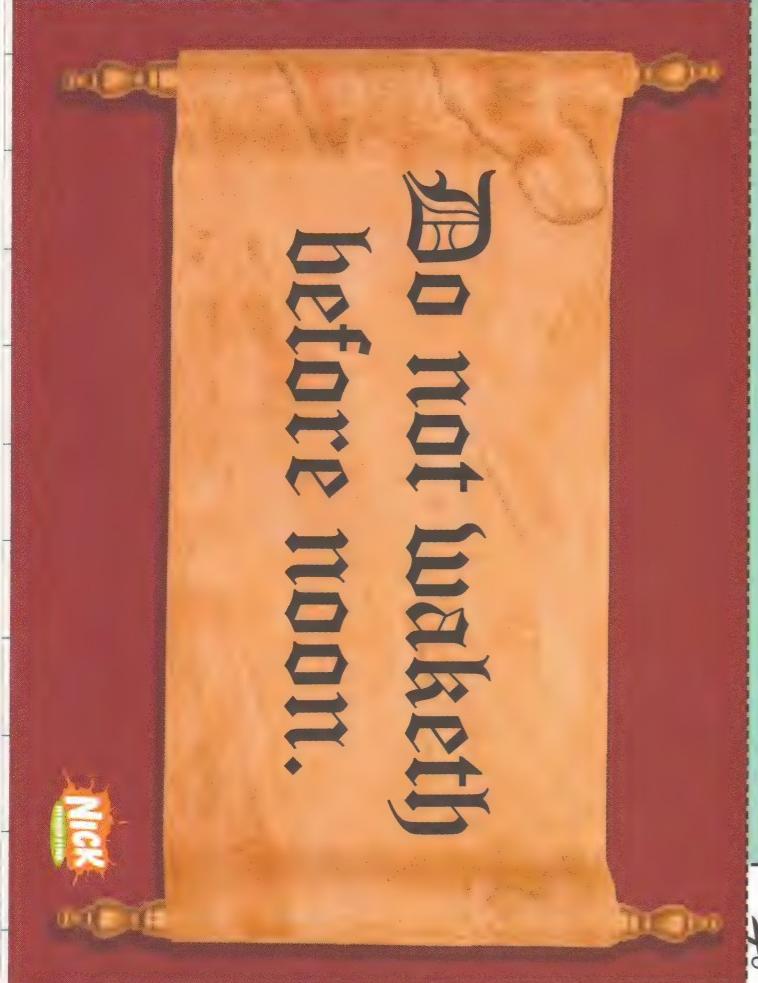
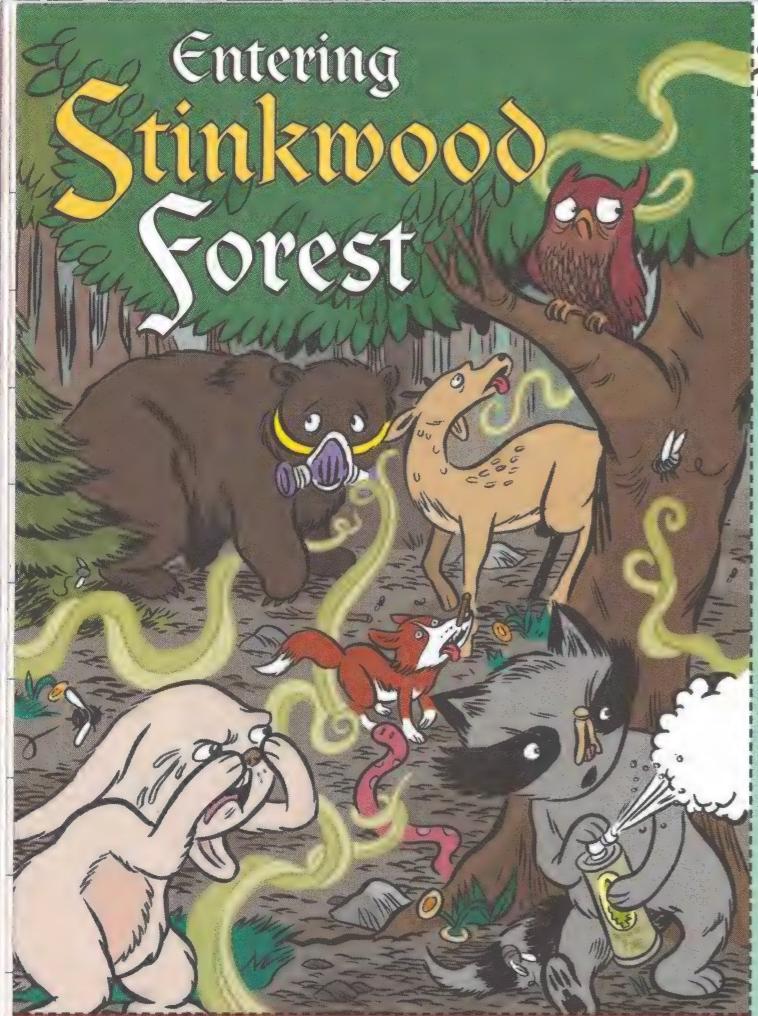
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NICK magazine

CAUTION: CENTAUR DUMPING AREA





CUTOUT PRANKS

ATTENTION, PARENTS

As your child has surely told you, you are booked to perform this Friday at the **Parents' Gymnastic Exhibition and Flügelhorn Jamboree!**

- If you're one of our gymnasts, your routine begins at 7:30 PM, so please arrive at the school gymnasium at 6:00 PM to try on your leotard.
- If you are participating in the musical entertainment, please arrive at 7:00 PM to tune up. Remember: You must bring your own flügelhorn and sheet music.

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THE EARLY BIRD GETS ARRESTED

Santa Clarita, California In 1995, two eager bank robbers showed up at a bank wearing ski masks, but the door was locked. It was only 8:55 AM—the bank opened at 9:00—so the robbers decided to wait around for five minutes. Observant bank employees inside the building and passersby took one look at the two guys wearing ski masks in the warm southern California weather and called the police.

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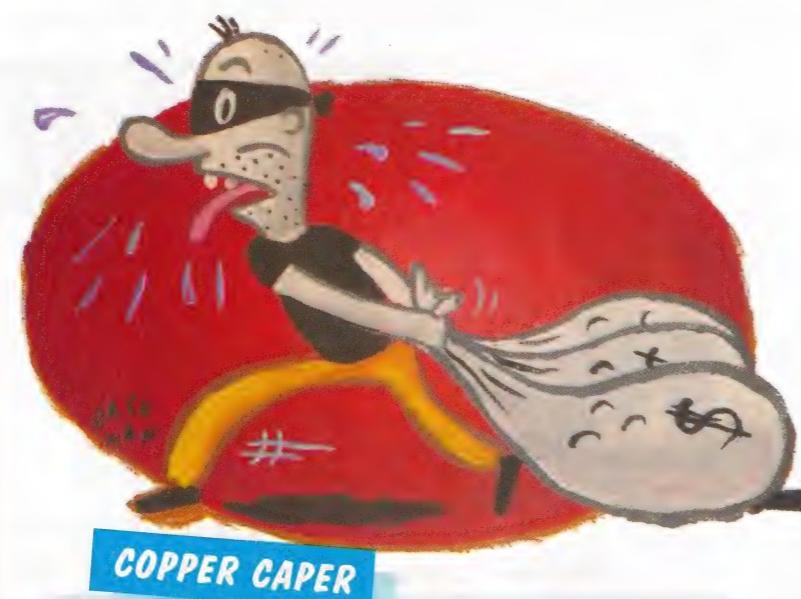
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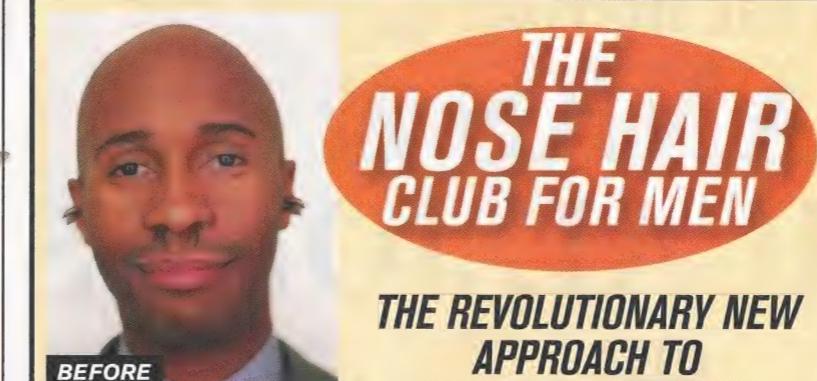
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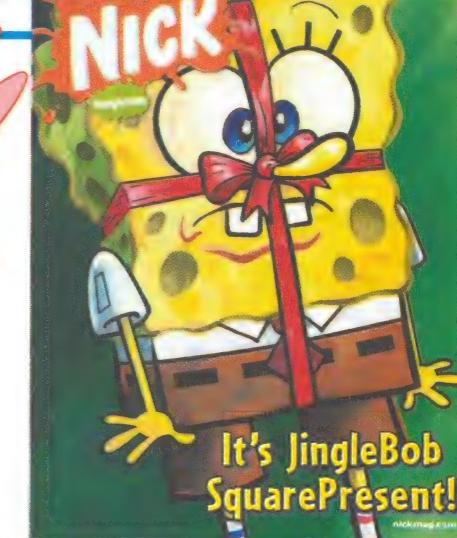
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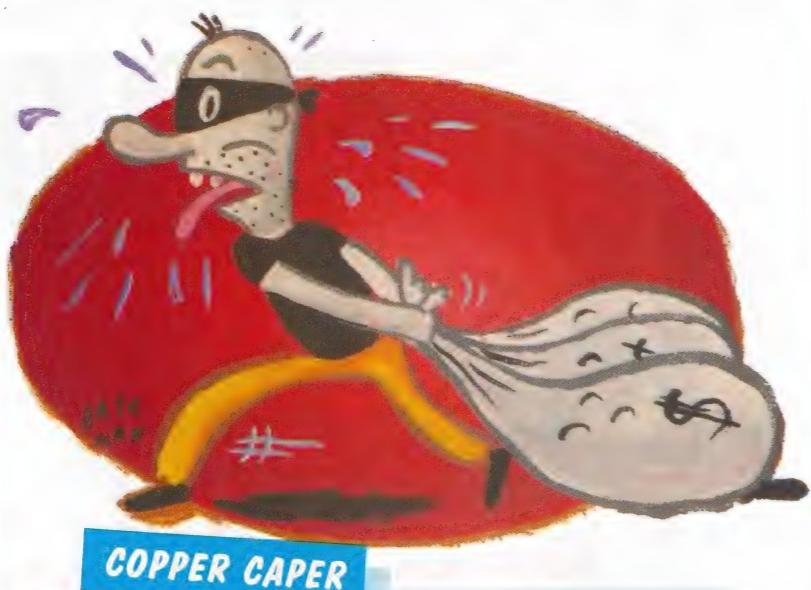
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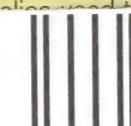
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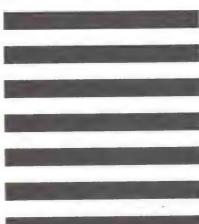


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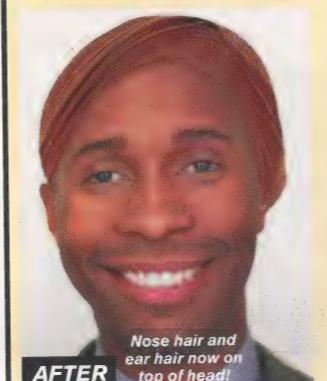
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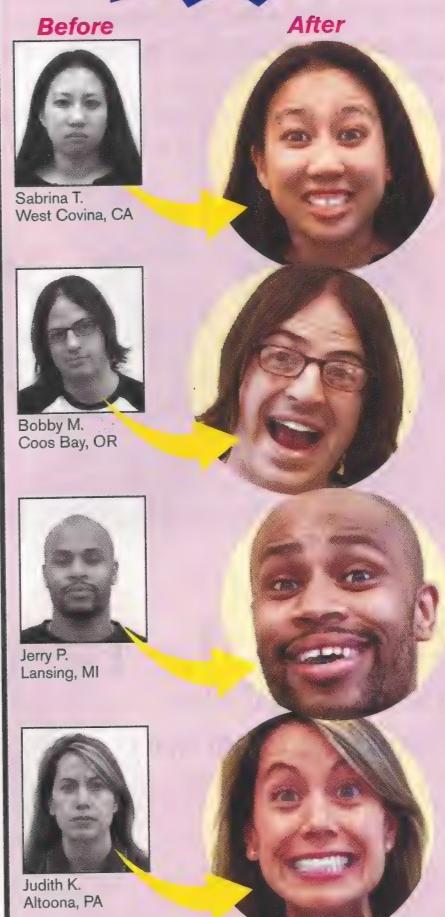
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The last two numbers of your birth year



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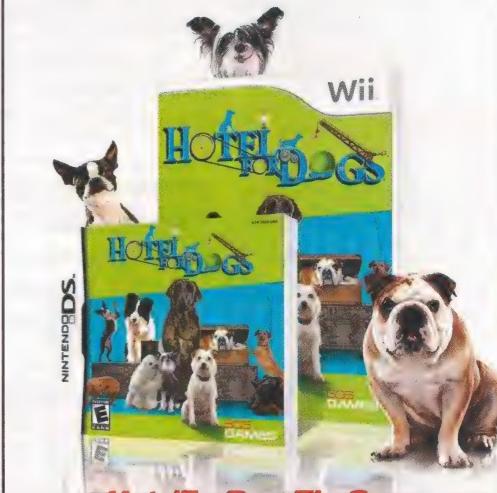
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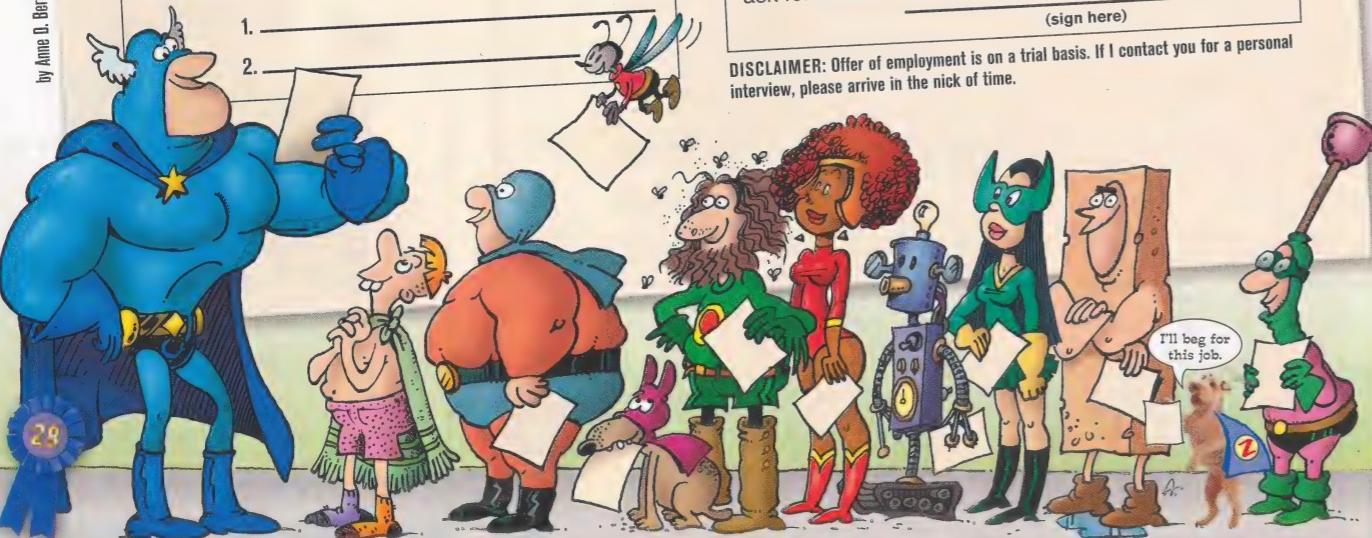
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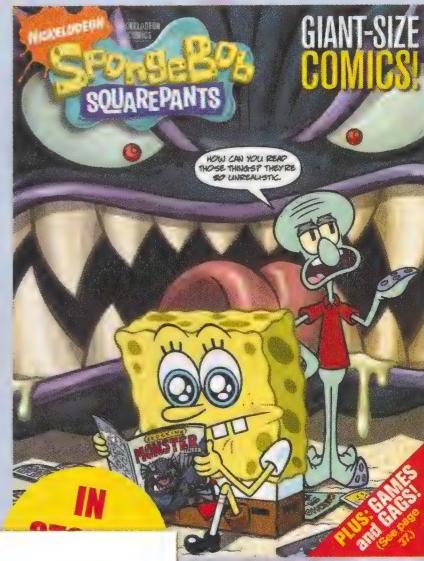
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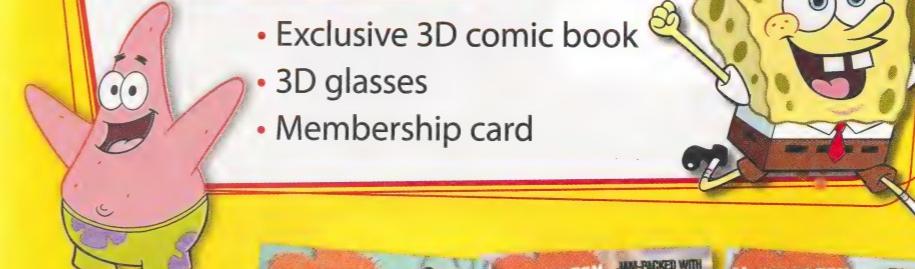
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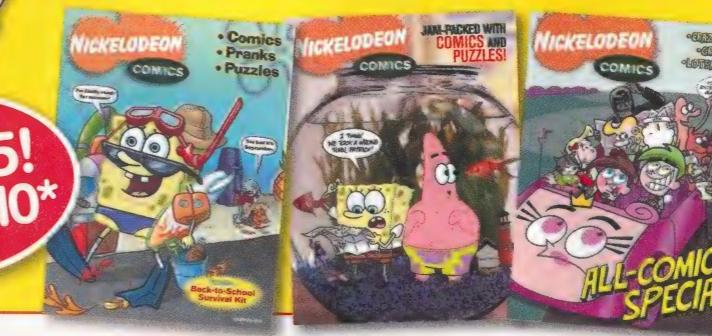
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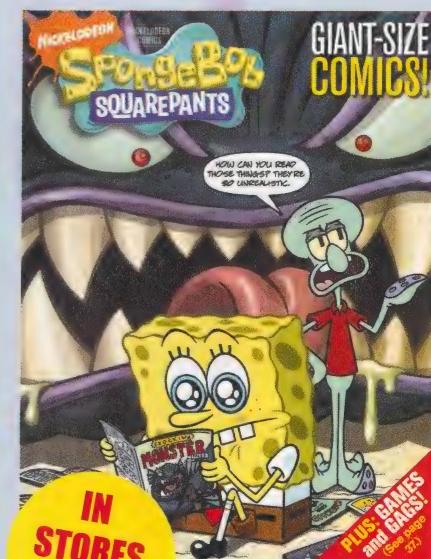
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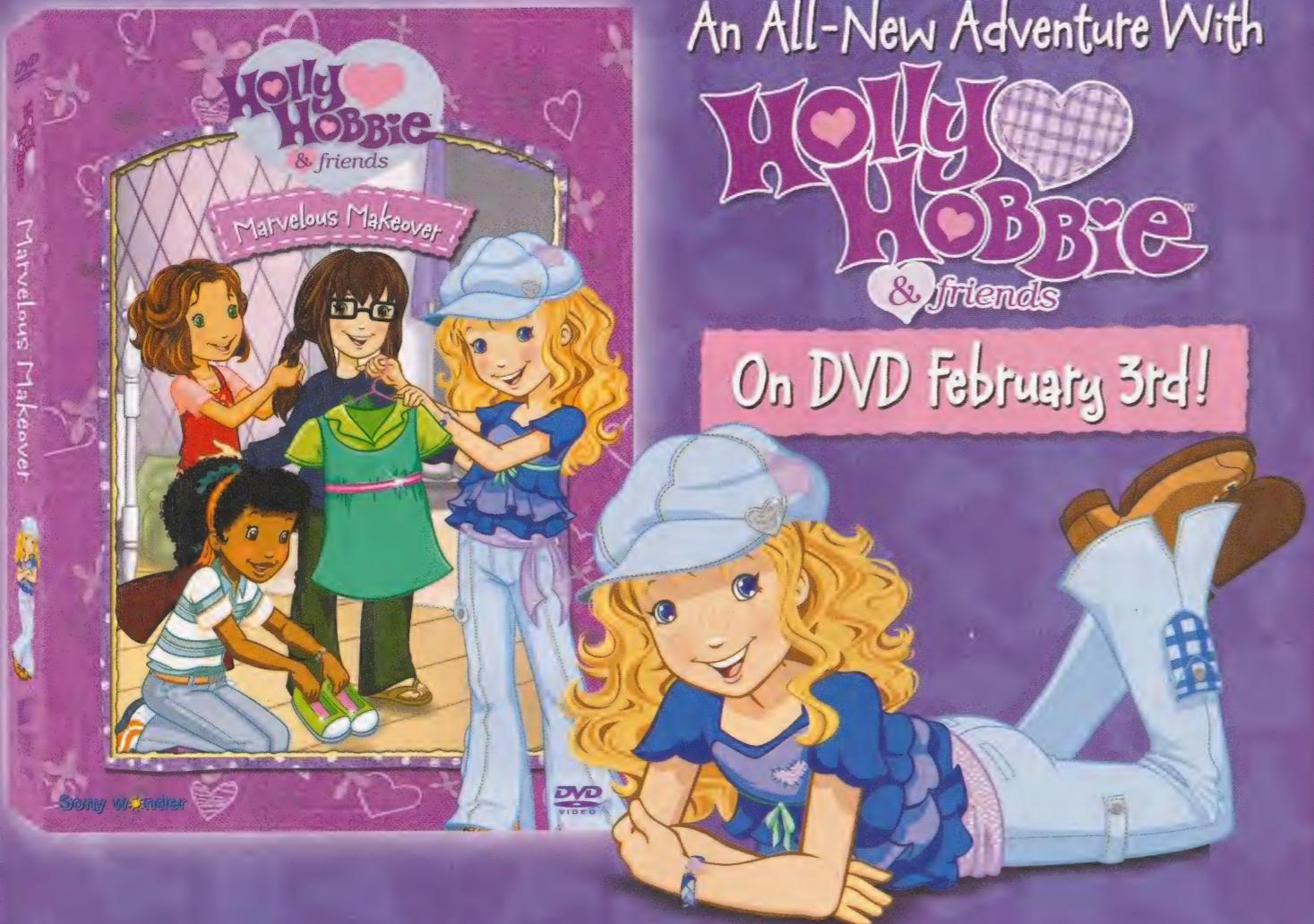
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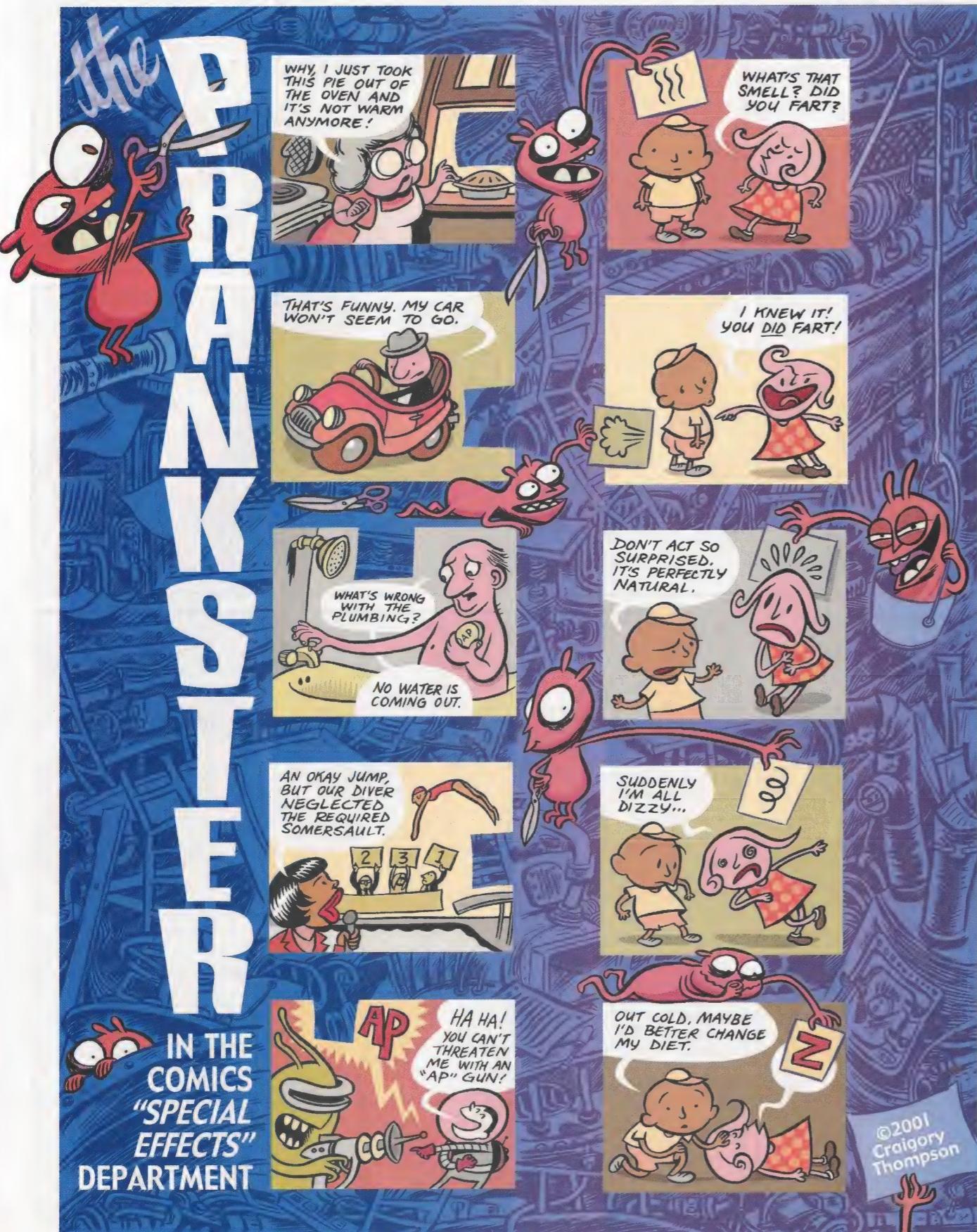
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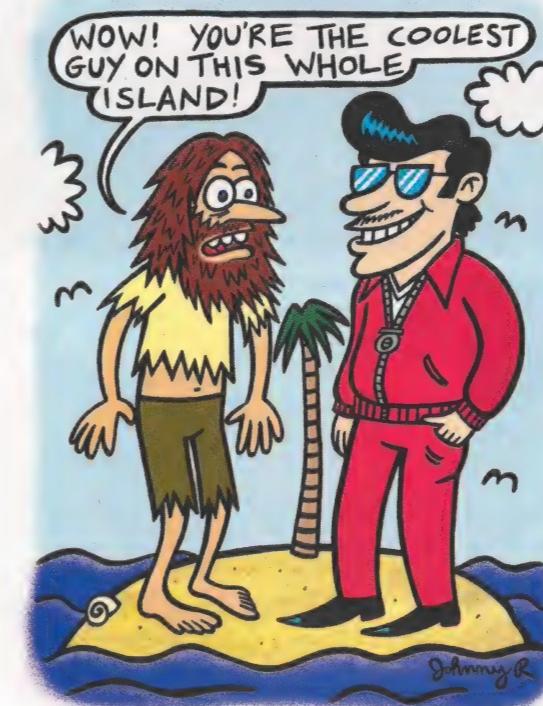
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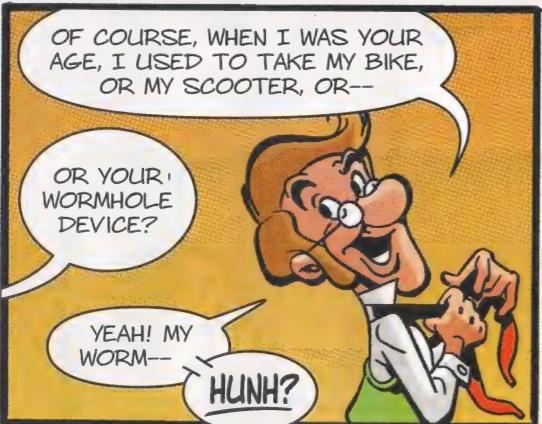


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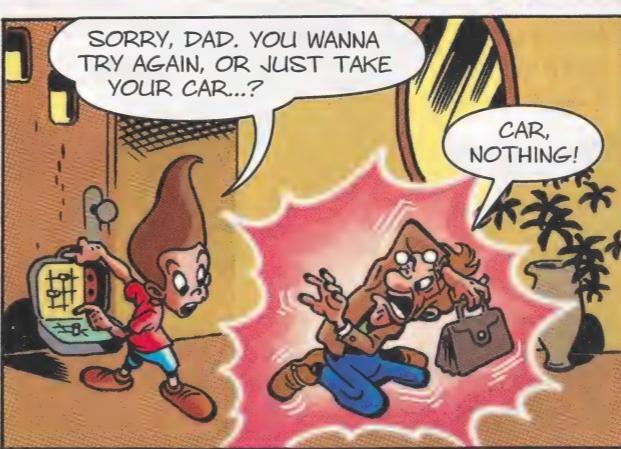
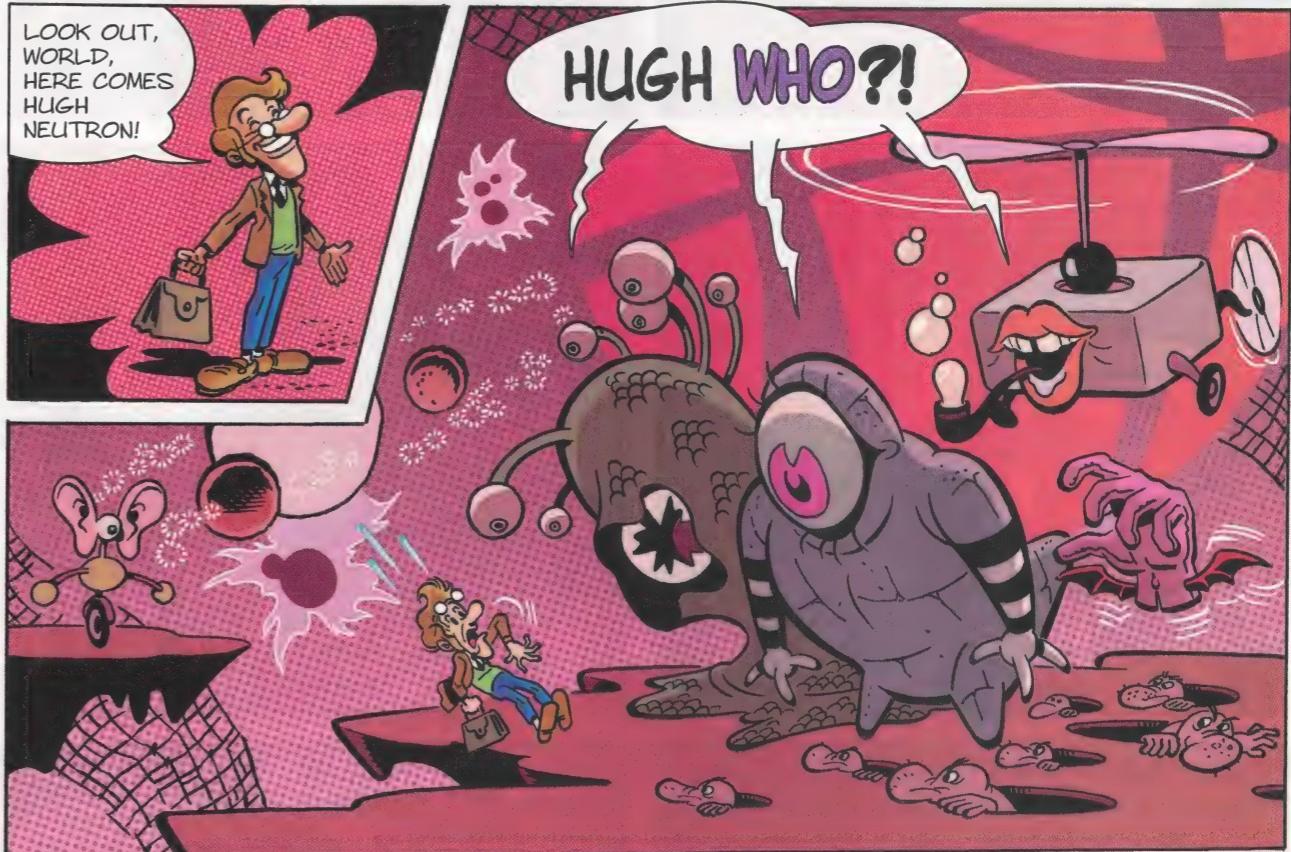
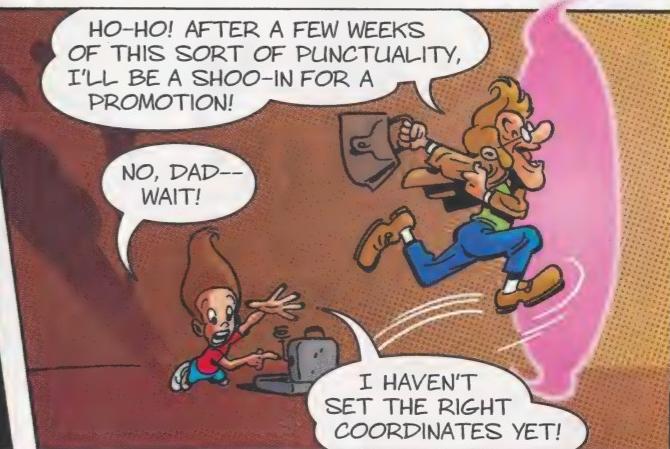
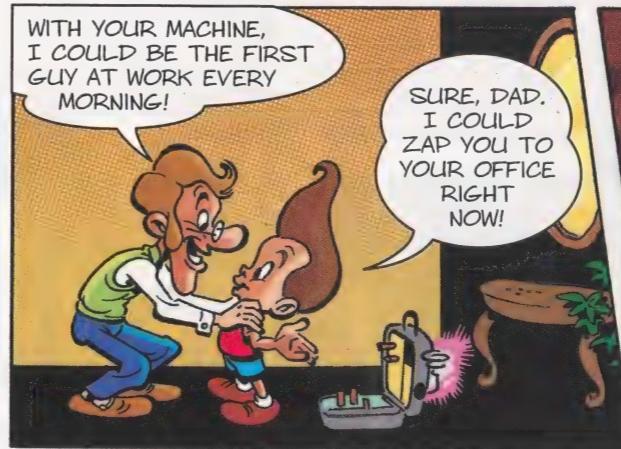


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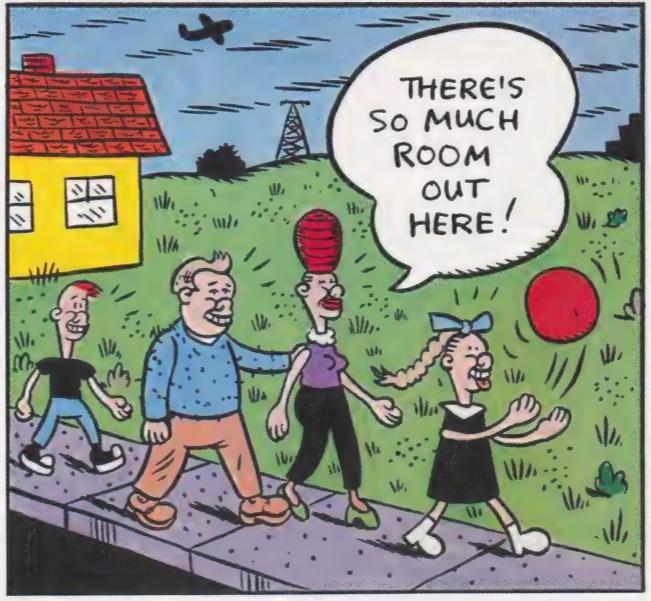
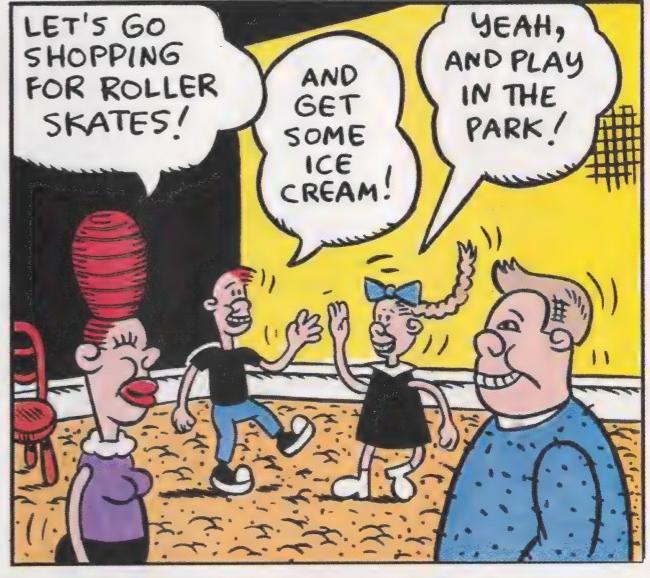
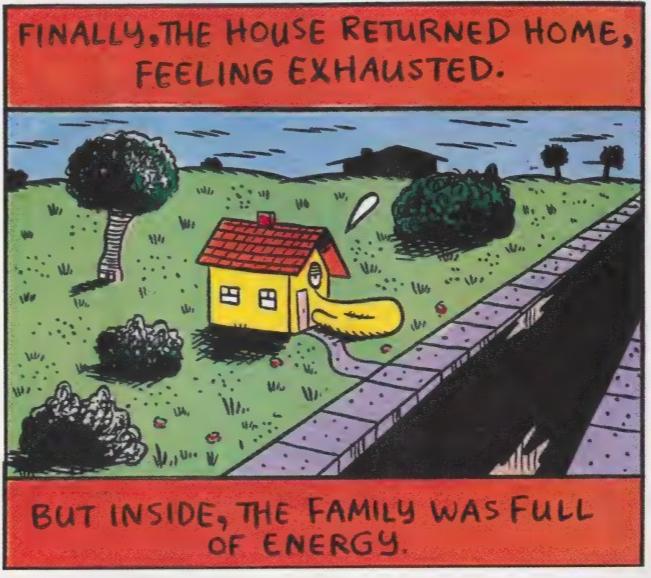
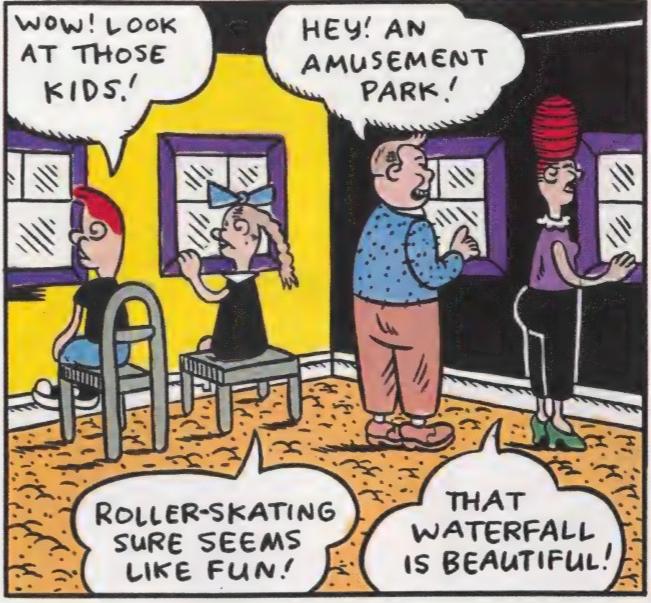
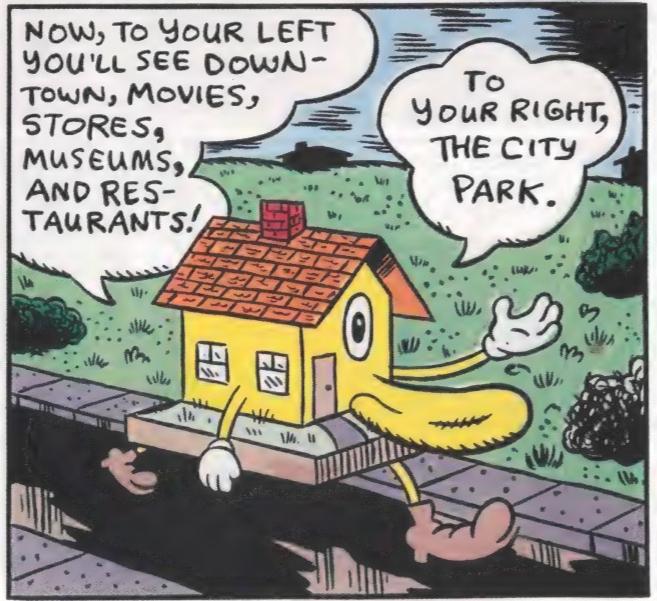
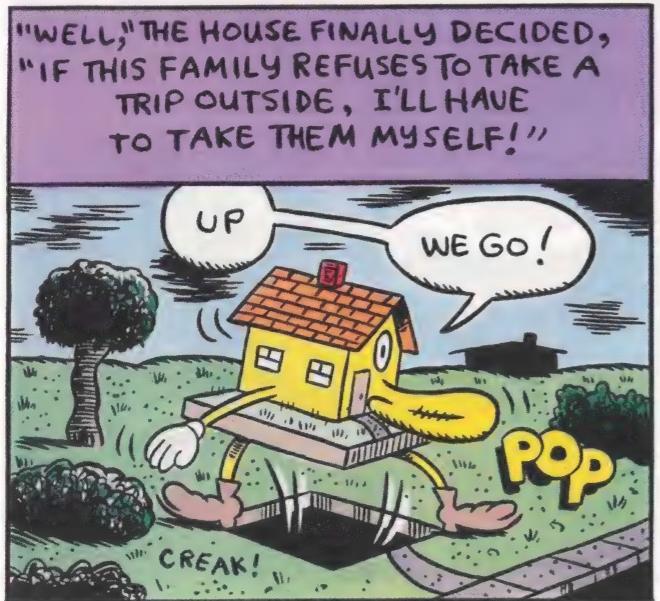
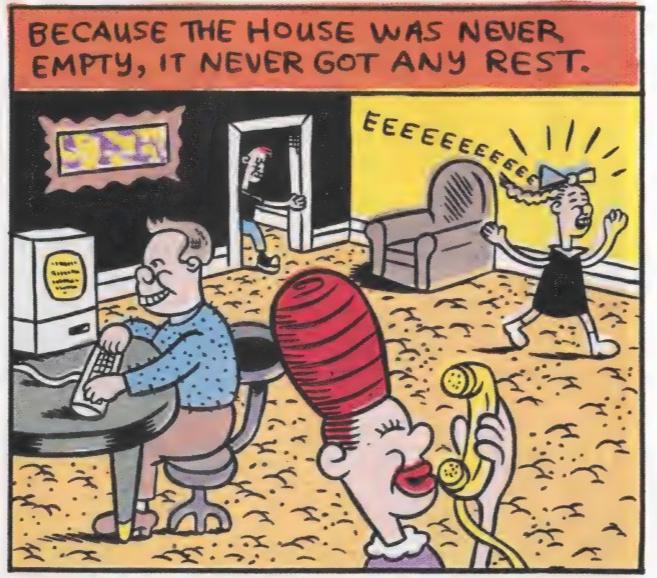
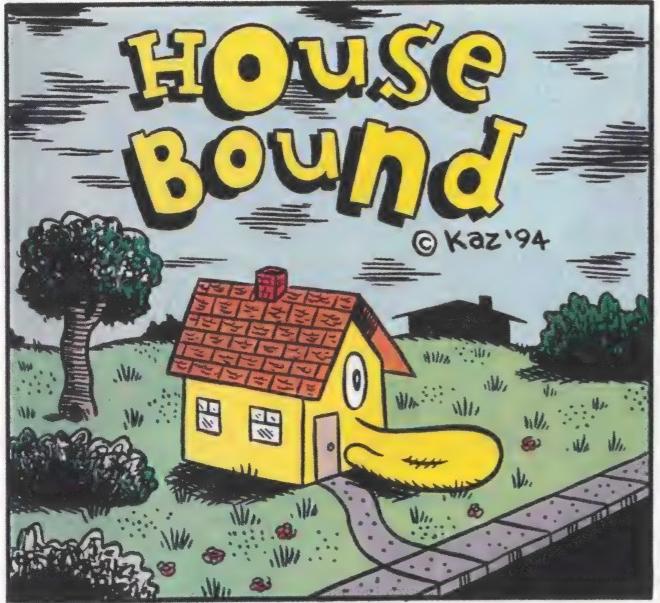
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Happy Nick Year!

"I resolve to..."

...stop cracking my knuckles. This was last year's resolution, too, but I never accomplished it!"
Ashley Argota of True Jackson, VP

...write two songs a month and practice my guitar for ninety minutes a day, six days a week."
Jennette McCurdy of iCarly

...become more active and eat better. It's healthier, plus girls love that!"
Matt Shively of True Jackson, VP

...be part of projects that stress recycling, reducing energy usage, humane treatment for animals, and using more environmentally friendly products. Even turning the lights off—it's the little things that count!"
Miranda Cosgrove of iCarly

Reel

The stars of Nick told us their 2009 New Year's resolutions.

...walk my dog, ET, more."
Alex Wolff of The Naked Brothers Band



...cut down on sweets and make healthier choices. I'd also like to get more organized and try to manage my time better."
Victoria Justice of Spectacular!

...get my driver's license!"
Nathan Kress of iCarly

...drink more water and stop biting my nails!"
Keke Palmer of True Jackson, VP

Lower my carbon footprint!



Real A Woof Over Their Heads

In Nick's newest movie, *Hotel for Dogs*, two kids turn an abandoned hotel into a haven for stray dogs. The movie stars **Emma Roberts**, who plays Andi, and **Jake T. Austin**, who plays her younger brother, Bruce.

Two dogs played the role of Friday: Cosmo and JR. "They were smelly, but they were cute," said Emma.



Five Questions for Emma Roberts

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:
Are you a dog person or a cat person?

EMMA ROBERTS:

I'm a both person! We have a cat named Stranger. He just showed up at our door one day, so we took him in. And my sister and I recently got a dog—a long-haired Chihuahua named Twiggy.



Jake T. Austin (above, right) and Emma both got along well with the dogs in the movie. Emma told us, "Shep, the border collie [above, far right], was the most well-behaved, cutest dog ever! We hit it off."

How did you get to know all the dogs in the movie?

We practiced holding them and giving them treats. We rehearsed beforehand so the dogs wouldn't be scared of us, and so they would follow and listen to us.

In the movie, there were lots of cool gadgets for taking care of the dogs. Which was your favorite?

I liked the train that pulled all the food to feed the dogs. That was pretty genius.

Were there any mishaps on the set?

One time, two dogs started barking at each other. I got all tangled up [in their leashes], and they ran off.

Did your role as a big sister in the movie influence how you are as a big sister in real life?

I try not to pick on my sister as much [as I used to]. But I love to pick on her just because she picks on me!



Jake told us that his favorite invention from the movie is the car simulator for the dogs. "I thought that was brilliant and really funny."

Hotel for Dogs is in theaters this January. Check www.hotelfordogsmovie.com to watch the trailer and for more info.

Pointers for Your Pooch

Mark Forbes, the animal coordinator for *Hotel for Dogs*, worked with about 20 trainers to make sure the pooches in the movie gave the best possible performances. He told us about a few techniques you can try with your own dog.*

Repetition: "It's more important to do [lots of] shorter sessions than to do one really long session."

Fun: "Make [the training] fun for the animal. If he's not having fun, he's not going to do it."

Consistency: "If the dog isn't allowed on the couch, then the dog isn't allowed on the couch. You can't say, 'He's kind of cute. I can let him on the couch this one time.' You have to be consistent!"

Treats: "If you want to train your dog to sit, put a little treat in front of his mouth and lift [the treat above his head]."



*Get a parent's permission when trying to train your dog, and be sure to have an adult present.

What's New on Nick

Spectacular!

Monday, February 16

Tune in for the premiere of Nick's newest TV movie, *Spectacular!* Before then, go to nick.com/spectacular to watch the trailer and listen to two songs from the movie. You can also visit nick.com on your cell phone to download *Spectacular!* mobile wallpaper. Standard text and data charges apply, so make sure to get a parent's permission first.

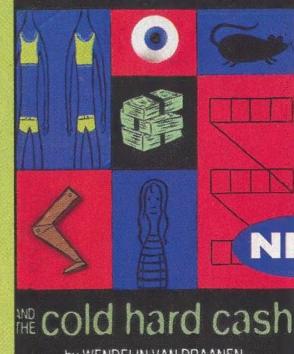


Courtney (played by Tammin Sursok) and Nikko (played by Nolan Gerard Funk) take the stage in *Spectacular!* Go to nick.com/donttellme to download your own copy of the single "Don't Tell Me" from the movie.*

*Limited to the first 20,000 downloads. "Don't Tell Me" Produced and Arranged by Matthew Gerrard. Music and Lyrics by Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil. Published by TUNES BY NICKELODEON INC., M GERRARD MUSIC, and Z STYLE MUSIC.

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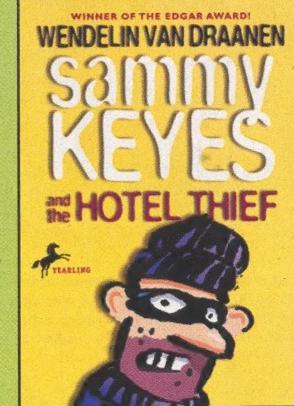


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The Results Are In

Real

Say What? Winners

from the August 2008 issue

Girl: Pool speed ahead!

Kayla R., age 11

Knoxville, Tennessee

Girl: Weren't there four of you?

Chris K., age 11

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Girl: I think we're gonna need a bigger boat!*

Megan M., age 11

Cresco, Iowa

Girl: I hope this one floats better than the *Titanic* model!*

Riley N., age 11

Reno, Nevada

Girl: Ha! This shrinkray really works!

Hannah N., age 12

Simi Valley, California

Girl: Honey, I shrunk the boat!*

Davis L., age 11

Powder Springs, Georgia

Girl: Wow! It looked a lot bigger in the catalog!*

Kylie T., age 12

Hartsville, South Carolina

Girl: Are you ready to play Battleship?

Daniel M., age 13

Coram, New York

*We received a number of entries like this one.

Thanks for all your entries.
They rocked our boat.

And they never left us overboard.

Real

Answers

Because you
deserve to know.

Which Is Wax? (page 6): The wax celebs are **Cameron Diaz** and **Eli Manning**.

A Sinister Sequence (page 13): 1-C, 2-G, 3-E, 4-I, 5-A, 6-D, 7-H, 8-F, 9-B.

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A black and white photograph of a woman snowboarder with blonde hair, wearing a purple helmet and goggles, smiling. She is wearing a bright green snowboard jacket. Overlaid on the image is the text "SHE'S A WINNER!" in large, bold, distressed letters.

Say What?

Give this woman something funny to say.



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